

## LIFE OF A JOCKEY

Some of the Riders Now at Kent Track

## ARE TRUE BORN GENTLEMEN

How Barbee, DeLong, Huston, Blakeley, Kenny and Others Ride and Train Themselves and Their Mounts.

By far the most interesting phases of jockey life are unknown to the majority of spectators. They see them daily riding and him, but they do not realize the vast amount of severe training that is required before a man does the bright and becomes a skillful jockey. A jockey's day, when he is in training, begins between 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning. He exercises a mile before breakfast and for that meal takes some crackers and tea. Then come the long hours of sweating. Piling onto himself thirty pounds of clothing, he walks from twelve to fifteen miles. Sometimes a Turkish bath is taken instead of the walk, but as a rule it is avoided as being too weakening. Others lie in bed and sweat for hours at a time and again, when a very quick reduction is required, a big dose of magnesia is taken to supplement the sweating. After a morning spent thus the jockey is ready to mount. After the race comes the meal of the day, supper—which consists of a small piece of steak and bread without butter. As an especial luxury he sometimes takes a bottle of ale with his supper. Eleven o'clock or midnight sees him in bed, getting in the four hours' sleep, which is considered a big allowance. In his food he avoids potatoes and all sweet or starchy compounds, for they produce fat.

## May Use Tobacco

Tobacco may be used in moderation, and cigarettes with great caution. In training some jockeys take a large dose of tobacco before starting out, as it is said to aid in reducing the weight. In spite of the severe training one never sees a sick jockey. They rest frequently and live well, and so manage to withstand the severe ordeals of reducing. Mick Hennessy, one of the best jockeys at Kent track, claims that it takes at least five years to make a good jockey. The green boy is taken at the age of 12 or 14 and put into the stables. After becoming well acquainted with the peculiarities of the animal he may some day ride to a race, and having strengthened his arms and hands, he comes to the crucial test of reducing. If he stands reducing well he is put on a horse in some race to show what he is good for. After he has ridden two or three good races everything depends on himself. If he is honest and faithful he soon gets his name up. If he is crooked there is no power on earth that can ever make him a great jockey. Some jockeys ride well all the way from 14 to 25 years of age, but a jockey is thought to be at his best only about two years. Jockeys are a short-lived race. Some men go into the work who, though strong and clearheaded, have not the endurance to stand the life. They sooner or later break down under the training, take to liquor and either run into consumption or become insane. If they get up riding while still strong, they make good peddlers, foot runners and all around athletes.

## Jockeys Are Tender

A jockey cannot stand much hardship or cold. In the winter many of them spend their time hunting in the south around Savannah and New Orleans. Others go to New York, Chicago and St. Louis, where they have families. Many are married men and lead very straight lives, save their money and die worth many thousands. Others spend their earnings and winnings foolishly and die broken in mind and body. Some are very shrewd investors, their favorite purchases being horses and land. It is the ambition of most jockeys to become owners of big stables like the great Barbee string. Others would not own stables if they could, but invest in city property. But there are lots of jockeys whose whole existence is of a desperately hard to month character. The French make good jockeys, but few of them come over to this country. Fred Tarel, considered by many the best jockey in America, is a German.

The wages paid a jockey are fairly good under all circumstances. At Kent it has been \$25 to mount in a steeple chase, \$75 to win, and in flat races \$10 to mount and \$25 to win. At the big races the schedule runs all the way from \$100 to \$500. The owners are always very liberal with their winnings, and a good winning means a present of \$25 to the jockey, \$10 to the exercise boy, and \$5 around to the stable boy. If the winning have been heavy the presents increase in proportion.

## They Are All Honest

The jockeys naturally resent suggestions of crookedness. Years ago, they say, there used to be lots of it, but it seldom you see a crooked jockey now. The public has become very sharp and soon gets wind of a horse that is being mismanaged. Then, too, the judges have got their work down so fine that no jockey can fool them very hard.

The care of running horses is a science that requires long and patient study. One man does himself exclusively to one horse, and he must be a good deal of a veterinarian as well as horseman. The runners are fed on oatmeal sprinkled over with milk and their food is very carefully measured.

"A running horse," says Mr. Hennessy, "is the very best thing to a man, and when handling them I always try to do just what I should do if I were dealing with men." Asked as to what he considered the requirements for a good jockey, Mr. Hennessy said: "A tall man with long, slim legs; they say that a man must have legs so long that he can reach well under a horse."

Willard DeLong does not agree with this opinion, for he says that a clear head is the essential. "I have seen men ride time and again who were clumsy and dumb-legged. Take for instance Ed Decker, George Church, Overton or McLaughlin and Barbee. To ride well a man's head must be just as clear as if he were pleading a law case. He must think a great deal and yet has no time to do so. He must think while he is riding next to him, how much speed he has left and how much the other man has. He must be a sure judge of pace and be ready in a flash to take advantage of every mistake made by the man around him. I sometimes think a man without legs could ride to win if he had a clear head on him."

## Training in the Spring

Long before the racing season opens

the jockeys have come back from their training in the south or from their families in the cities and are hard at work on the tracks with their horses before the public has begun to think of the summer's sport. A jockey's weight when he begins training in the spring may be as high as one hundred and fifty pounds, but by sweating every other day he takes off three or four pounds at every reduce. Before the season has opened he has come down from 140 or thereabouts to 110 or even less. The famous jockey "Fitz" will bring himself down from 140 pounds to 105. He is at Kent now and has with him the lightest saddle ever made. It weighs six ounces and is a marvel of ingenuity. Archer, the famous English jockey, was a sad example of the deadly effects of reducing. He would take off twenty-five or thirty pounds at a clip and as a result killed himself in his prime when worth many millions of pounds. Last Sunday Andy Blakeley at the Kent track took off sixteen pounds in a six hours' sweat when preparing for the great steeplechase. On the same day Charles Billings took off fifteen pounds. There are some of the best jockeys in America now at Kent. They are a fine lot of fellows and very few "mean men" among them. Among them is Hickey Bunn, the greatest lightweight jockey in America. He is 27 years old and weighs eighty-seven pounds, striped. He is married and has three children.

Some of the Jockeys.

Willard DeLong is another famous jockey there. His home is in Miles and he is 22 years old. He began riding 1879. He has been riding steadily for the past seven years. It is said of him that he feeds his arms extract of beef. Billie Huston is one of the famous eastern jockeys there. Mike Hennessy is 26 years old, is married and began riding at 24. He was trained by J. B. Hagan of California and is considered one of the swiftest men that ever mounted. Jack Kenny, known as "Daredevil Jack," rides St. Luke.

St. Luke is owned by Samuel Love and is one of the best jumpers and hurdle horses in America. Charles Billings started in at the age of 12 in 1880. His trainer was Williams. In his second season with horses he won \$7,000. T. F. Brokley is not riding much now, as he had a serious fall last year, when in '28 he rode Fenlos at Guttenberg. As a result of his injuries, he had to have a silver plate put over the big hole knocked in his head. Samuel Fisher is one of the famous jockeys. He owns lucrative patents on a bit and a book that he takes at least five years to make a good jockey. The green boy is taken at the age of 12 or 14 and put into the stables. After becoming well acquainted with the peculiarities of the animal he may some day ride to a race, and having strengthened his arms and hands, he comes to the crucial test of reducing. If he stands reducing well he is put on a horse in some race to show what he is good for. After he has ridden two or three good races everything depends on himself. If he is honest and faithful he soon gets his name up. If he is crooked there is no power on earth that can ever make him a great jockey. Some jockeys ride well all the way from 14 to 25 years of age, but a jockey is thought to be at his best only about two years. Jockeys are a short-lived race. Some men go into the work who, though strong and clearheaded, have not the endurance to stand the life. They sooner or later break down under the training, take to liquor and either run into consumption or become insane. If they get up riding while still strong, they make good peddlers, foot runners and all around athletes.

A Retired Big Winner.

Few know the great historic interest that attaches to A. G. Blakeley's big horse, Senora. Senora is an imported English thoroughbred and was brought to this country eleven years ago, after having won big races in France and England. In one day Senora won \$30,000 for the Dwyers and then went to pieces forever. The Dwyers gave the animal to the Blakeley brothers on condition that he should never be raced again. Senora is used as a buggy horse now and is only a looker on life. B. B. Millon, another animal owned by the Blakeleys, has a most interesting history.

He is the animal on which W. O. Daly, variously known as Bill, Pat, Bill and Hartford Bill, won the great race at Brighton Beach in 1890. Daly on that day weighed 180 pounds and rode with his cork leg tied in the stirrup. B. B. Millon is 8 years old now, and the memory of that great day, when he sold \$60 to the winning one of the historic animals in the annals of running. He is a son of the great Ten Brock. Daly bought the animal for \$2,700 at Sheepshead Bay, and the Blakeleys got him for \$3,000. Dick Pierce is a typical jockey. Pierce, like Tom Martin, is known as "Tex." He has had many number of falls and has had nearly every bone in his body broken. He is a "bookie" now. Hank Woodford was at the track yesterday. He was the owner of Senora, one of the greatest race horses that ever cleared a hurdle, and who won more money than any horse in the country. Mr. Woodford's son Frank is now the owner of James-ton, an animal that has showed up very prettily of late.

Many are the rare good stories of great running meetings and the company can tell. They swear by a running horse, and love their work better than their lives. Every day they look death in the face, and nearly every day in the summer either in the east or west, a jockey is killed or maimed for life.

All the boys have had their arms, legs and collar bones broken, and rather like it. But every year running becomes more popular and the perfection of the man and horse are intensified more and more. It is a life of strange vicissitudes. The jockey loves his horse better than himself and has any number of profane endearments for his mount. As Barbee says, "Yes, I looked up blankly blank brute every jump he took, but I have to earn my oats, and he must earn his." To know the jockey you must see him "out on the track" in the long July mornings when the soft sun shines over the early fields and the warm sun brings out the laughing, happy negroes whose only care in life is to get enough heat. While they are passing the morning in working, racing, crag-shooting and walking, you can learn much that is strangely interesting and increase your respect for these brave and daring lads.

## WILL BE RUN TODAY

Great List of Entries for the Races Today.

## ALL OF THEM ARE WINNERS

There Will Be a Hot Contest Between the Great Pagan and Lord of the Harem.

Without doubt the races today at the Kent track will be even better than those of the fourth. There will be four races run including a great steeple chase over the full course with twelve entries. Speculator, the winner of the Fourth of July steeple chase, and St. Luke the winner of Wednesday's hurdle race are entered. In the first race are Lemon Blossom, Uncertainty and Anna Race. All three of them have been winners at the Kent track, and the contest will be a pretty one. Vedette is also entered and many bets will be made that he will be a winner. In the second race are Black Beauty, Lemon Blossom, Timberland and Catherine B. Any one of them is good for any ordinary race, and it will be a neck and neck contest at the finish. There are the almost unprecedented number of twenty entries in this race.

In the third race, Pagan is entered. He has won the other three races that he has run at the Kent track. Lord of the Harem is also entered for the race, and the Lord is a wonder on a dry track. Barbee promises that the Lord will make Ogilvie's pride look to his laurels before the race is completed. Jim Dunn, Edwin, the winner of the 2-year-old stakes, Bob Jacobs and C. M. Waters' speedy little mare, Mollie V, are also entered. Trains will run to the track at the usual hours, and it is expected that the attendance will be larger than that of any other day since the Fourth.

First Event.	
First race— $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, heats. Entries and odds.	
Winn B.	91 Powers
Phon	94 Francis
Lemon Blossom	90 Mary A.
Anna Race	109 Little Mollie
Pat O'Sell	97 Uncertainty
Vedette	97

Second Event.	
Second race— $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, selling, twenty entries.	
Lombard	92 Russia
Black Beauty	94 Mollie
Timberland	91 Josie Bell
Lemon Blossom	102 Catherine B.
Edwin	104 Lord Stanley
Kentworth	104 Public Rock
Uncertainty	108 Swigert
Mollie V	99 Van Leland

Third Event.	
Third race— $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, entries and weights.	
Paying By	108 Mount McGregor
Queen Toy	112 Wildwood
St. Patrick	112 Pagan
Rowman	114 Tall Bill
Pullman	114 Bob Jacobs
John G.	114 Unique
Jim Dunn	114 Lord of the Harem

Coming on a Tally-Ho.

Clem Studebaker, the South Bend wagonmaker, has written President Leathers that he will drive to this city with a party of ten in his four-in-hand coach to attend the August races.

## Washington Park Races.

CHICAGO, July 8.—Washington park races:

First race, three-fourths of a mile—Fanny S won, Reas McDuff second, Redroot third; time, 1:39.

Second, one-eighths of a mile—Union won, Tom Kelley second, Pathy third; time, 1:05.

Third, one mile—Cupbearer won, Joe Blackburn second, Galindo third; time, 1:45.

Fourth, one mile and seventy yards—Forest King won, Sunnysport second, Borealis third; time, 1:51.

Fifth, one mile—Chief Justice won, Earnest Race second, Willow Brook third; time, 1:44.

Sixth, five-eighths of a mile—Haydee won, Forest Rose second, Miss Spot third; time, 1:05.

## Gloucester Runners.

GLoucester, N. J., July 8.—The races today resulted:

First race, five-eighths mile—La Cigale won, Inverly second, Florrie H third; time, 1:04.

Second, half mile—Charon won, Devise second, Starter Pettingill third; time, 52.

Third, four and one-half furlongs—Genevieve won, Comrade second, Zangarie third; time, 3:54.

Fourth, seven and one-half furlongs—Lone Star won, Elyon second, Gardner third; time, 1:39.

Fifth, six and one-fourth furlongs—Cartoon won, Bryson second, Objection third; time, 1:53.

Sixth, one-half mile—Flagrant won, Ebbs second, Pocatello third; time, 1:46.

## Kansas City Races.

KANSAS CITY, July 8.—First race, nine-sixteenths of a mile—Neva C won, Parthian second, Corneli third; time, 1:29.

Second, four and one-half furlongs—Ghost Dance won, Earl second, Tom Gay third; time, 1:08.

Third, six furlongs—Golden Spangle won, Stanley second, Past Time third; time, 1:44.

Fourth, five furlongs—Hal Fisher won, Mary second, Artless third; time, 1:40.

Fifth, five furlongs—Lumbria won, Rebecca second, Get There third; time, 1:10.

Sixth, five furlongs—Josephine Cassidy won, Kedenna second, Althea third; time, 1:07.

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